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**POLICY STATEMENT #18**

**Subject:**     ***Acquisition and Relocation Guidelines***

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The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (Uniform Act) have been adopted by the State to regulate all acquisition and relocation activities. The Uniform Act establishes guidelines that must be followed to determine relocation benefits to occupants that are displaced. HUD Handbook 1378 describes the compliance procedures for the Uniform Act. In addition, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, also establishes guidelines that determine relocation benefits to displaced occupants.

The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in section 104(d) also makes provisions for relocation assistance. These guidelines offer displaced persons an alternative to the Uniform Act relocation assistance guidelines. It is intended that the displaced persons shall be offered the option to receive relocation assistance from either program. It is the right of the displaced person(s) to determine which type of assistance is in their best interest.

The regulations also cover the processes that must be followed when real property is acquired in whole or in part with CDBG program funds. The process is linear, as in the relocation process, and each step must be followed in sequence.

Before you begin any activity that may involve either acquisition or relocation, be sure to contact your assigned Project Development Specialist for guidance.